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THE SCRAP IS THE THING

You may have noticed those receptacles in their red, white, and blue dresses at each entrance to the building. They were placed there to receive the pieces or quantities of scrap metal which you may have around the house, but considered too small to turn in. One barrel of these little pieces will weigh between 200 and 300 pounds. And that's not hay in any drive!

But we are in this Scrap Metal Drive deeper than a barrel! Yes, indeed! The Farm Credit Club was asked to help in the all-out effort to bring in every bit of scrap metal in the business area. Under Colonel Tip Brown, Department of Civilian Defense, we have two real live-wire units at work contacting every building owner and manager from Eighth to Fifteenth Streets and from Main to Wyandotte. Dick Kaufmann and Goodie Simonds are the captains and their lieutenants include: Wayne H. Morris, Kenneth Richmond, Francis Smith, Gordon Smith, Lawrence A. Waugh, Carl Bark, Leslie Surginer, Walter S. Hein, M. R. Hoberecht, Raymond F. McWhirt, George A. Meyer, M. J. Fraile, Irvin S. Dyke, Torrence Cease, and Fulton Want.



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FREE MOTION PICTURES

(Time: 12:15 and 1 p.m. on Tuesday)

August 17 - BIRDS IN THE SPRING - A WALT DISNEY - In the bright springtime, three birds are born. One of them strays away, and after several thrilling experiences, returns home, Also - ASSEMBLY LINES - Land battleships in action.

August 24 - GOOD GOLF - Instructive demonstration by Sam Snead, Ralph Guldahl, Gene Sarazen, and Johnny Revolta; and of special interest to the many women golfers - Helen Detweiler, Opal Hill, and Helen Hicks (Wilson). All golfers reserve this date!

Excuse, please - "Mission Accomplished" was billed for last Tuesday but through an error "Farmer at War" was shown.
"Mission Accomplished" will now be shown on August 31.

REMEMBER THE THIRD WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



New FCA Employees to Service:

Lagergren, F. Gilbert Vail, Willis Scott Beatty, Nancy E. Rall, Harlard B. Diebel, Ernest

TOTAL - 170



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Richard A. DeSousa, Warrant Officer. (c/o Postmaster, New York) It is indeed comforting and heartwarming to find an issue of "The Grapevine" resting gaily and seductively in that envelope with the old familiar return address. Itching fingers cannot suppress the desire to snatch it out of its lair and scanning eyes peer intently along each line looking for old familiar names, each one bringing with it an eloquent memory of past camaraderie. How varied are the experiences of those of us on extended "field trips!" FCA sent me scurrying off to the corners of the USA but Uncle Sam has set himself a record for scrambling up the lads. Hope sometime to meet someone from the FCA along the way.

Ross W. Hansen. A/C (Olathe, Kansas) Hi, everyone! Just a few words to let you know I'm still flying high! This flying is great stuff. Among other things, I can go up high and and cool off from this hot Kansas weather. Also, I can keep K. C. under observation. Soon I'll be going south to Corpus Christi, Texas, or Pensacola, Florida. That's no military secret as everyone knows those places, or can find out so easy. Maybe I will get in before then. Could be! Until then, don't work too hard, especially in the potato fields.

A/C Walter P. Kowalski. (San Antonio, Texas) We have a 7-day week schedule with 1 day off about every tenth day. The schedule is "rough." We get up at 10 minutes to 6 and are "on the beam" until 10 at night. The physical training is stressed more than the academic or military training... Shortly after I came here an order came out eliminating the class system and hazing. Oh yeah! We're always getting thrown into the shower doing "bed drill" (imagine "to the rear march" in bed) or awakened about 2 a.m. for "extended order tooth brush drill."

Lt. James B. Craighill. (Fort Strong, Mass.) I have enjoyed keeping up with all of you in K. C. through the Grapevine, which I enjoy receiving...Fort Strong, where I am stationed at present, is a very pleasant little island post off Boston Harbor - pleasant at least in the summer, probably much cooler than Kansas City. I understand that this island is very cool in the winter; so I am not looking forward to that if I am still here by then...When I passed through Washington the 1300 E. St. building made me somewhat homesick.

PFC Robert F. Garst. (Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio) I chanced to meet Ellis Short quite by accident last week. It sure seemed good to see and talk to someone from FCA. I enjoy my duties here and I am gaining knowledge that will help me after the "duration and six months."

Wright Field is more or less an experimental field and there is a lot to learn

at a place like this.

Herbert F. Schwalm. H. A. 1/c. (Quantico, Virginia) I went to school at Great Lakes to prepare me for hospital duty. After 6 weeks of school I came here to Quantico. I was here 2 1/2 weeks when I got to take a test for promotion so now I am a hospital apprentice, first class, the same as a corporal in the army. We have some pretty nurses here and they treat us okay. It's really a nice place to work in. And it isn't far at all to Washington. I spent my two week-end liberties there.

Major H. Frank McKenzie. (Boston, Mass.) Thanks so much for your kindness in sending me issues of the FCC Grapevine. Since I finished the officers' training course at Fort Meade, Maryland in June 1942. I have been stationed at the headquarters of the First Service Command, Boston. I am in the Army Exchange Branch and head the inspection and audit section.

Harold Dalby, SK 3/c. (c/o Postmaster, San Francisco) I have surely appreciated receiving the Grapevine - thanks a million.

JUNE BRIDE

The many friends of Marguerite Reynolds in Farm Credit will be interested to learn of her marriage, on June 30, to Captain Clarence W. Barton. They are residing at 4541 South Dakota Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C.

SOLOIST AT LOOSE PARK

Mrs. John S. Kennedy, wife of the chief of Graphic and Duplicating Section, programmed as "Emita Colomo" sang as soloist with the Concert Orchestra at Loose Park Sunday, August 8, 1943.

Strictly Personal

Purchasing Office. Mrs. Anne Dial has left FCA to join her husband now stationed in San Luis Obispo, California... Florence Eifert, formerly with NFLA, is on detail in Mr. Crim's office. Florence recently spent a week visiting a sister in Chicago...Orville Mercier is now working in the Purchasing Office of Port of Embarkation, U. S. War Department, located in Los Angeles, California...Thelma Province is spending her 2-week vacation right here in K. C., and is catching up on her tennis, swimming, bowling, and boating.

RACC of Washington, D. C. Margaret
Boebinger became Mrs. Charles Elliott on
Thursday, July 29. The couple are honeymooning in Denver, Colorado...Helen
Bailey entertained her girl friend from
the old home town, Parkersburg, West
Virginia, last week.

Mail Room. Chuck Tompson, Gerome Beauchamp, and Dick Robertson went to Topeka over the week end to survey the capital of Kansas...Wilma DeBos returned to work from her vacation which was spent with her husband who was home on furlough... Virginia Paine held a birthday party at her home and mailroom messengers were invited...Miss Colling is back to work from her vacation which was spent in Los Angeles, Hollywood, and San Francisco...Geraldine Williams is on detail to General Files and Gladys Johnson is now acting teletype operator.

Information and Extension. Several of the girls spent the week end at the Elms in Excelsior Springs...Congratulations to Dorothy Owens, who has received from the Red Cross a pin and a certificate for the completion of a course as Staff Assistant.

Telephone. Helen Baughman is vacationing at her home in Muskogee, Oklahoma...Marie Hanawalt entertained her sister and niece from Fort Collins, Colorado...Charlotte Toomey's mother and sister visited her from Hawarden, Iowa.

Economic and Credit Research. Joyce Hemstreet resigned from Farm Credit. The girls in the Statistical Unit presented her with a farewell gift...Sue Clarke returned from vacation which was spent in Wichita...Barbara Massey returned from Lake Taneycomo, in the Ozarks... Dagmar Lerager left Farm Credit to find work near her home in Colorado. Some of the girls in the Division honored her with a luncheon at the Terrace Grill ... Hortense Mobberly is spending her vacation at her home in Lamar, Missouri... Martin Planting recently spent some time in the East... Ruby Hanson is leaving to spend her vacation in Minneapolis and at her home in South Dakota.

Examination Division. Word has been received that Private "Chuck" Nelson has arrived safely overseas... Evelyn Finch, who left us to return to her "native Texas," reports that she is happy on her job at Camp Howze, Gainesville, but misses us all... Bill Lee is vacationing ... Pauline Kessler is getting along fine after her tonsillectomy... Ann Buchanan spent several days at her home in Springfield, Missouri.

Solicitor's Office. Our sympathy is extended to E. Anthony on the death of his father in Westerly, Rhode Island... Robert Brownell spent July 31, in St. Louis on business...Doris Jenkins is vacationing at her home in Montana and will also stop over in Denver and Omaha to visit friends...Virginia Jones left for her home in Litchfield, Illinois, on August 6, where she will be married to John Krohta, C.M. 1/c, U. S. Navy. The bride and groom will then head for

San Francisco, where Johnny is now stationed...A. A. Goldman and family have returned from visiting his home in Evansville, Indiana...Mary Suter is sporting a nice tan which she received on her vacation at Lake Taneycomo, Missouri.

Central Office Accounting. Robert W. Mills had as his guests for several days. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Peterson of Galesburg, Illinois. Mrs. Peterson is a sister of Mr. Mills...Roberta Hooker, with a group of FCA girls, enjoyed a week end at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. She reports that a very good time was enjoyed by all ... Leona Holland entertained Mrs. Humphrey of Washington, D.C. as a week end guest...June Swanson had as her guest for several days, Miss Eleanor Broline of Alcester, South Dakota...Mildred Farrow recently spent a week end in Omaha, Nebraska, visiting friends... Edna Marie Bierne recently received her first letter from her brother who is interned as a prisoner of war in Germany. He reports that he is well which was good news to his family... Kathryn Vance entertained her brother who was visiting her from Pennsylvania...James L. Wilkinson enjoyed the visit of his daughter, Mary, who is a Storekeeper Third Class in the Spars. She was at home for a short leave during her transfer to Long Beach, California ... News was received in the Audit Section of the birth of a daughter. Alice Lynn, to Private and Mrs. Leville F. McFadden, on July 10. Private McFadden is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Cooperative. Alma Day is vacationing at Siloam Springs. Arkansas...S. D. Sanders is vacationing on the West Coast. Just before leaving Mr. Sanders heard from his son. Glenn, who is now with the armed forces in Sicily...Vacation time is here for Hester Eads who went home to Smithville, Missouri..Wilma Atkinson also went home to Atlanta, Georgia...Helen Moritz is spending her vacation at Camp Washita, Missouri...Bernice Meuers is on detail in the Central Bank. She fills

the position left wacant by Kay Price.

Finance and Accounts. Third Officer Gladys L. Muller, daughter of J. B. Miller, Jr., spent a week with her family. She is stationed at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts...Lt. Morrill Murphy spent his recent 15-day furlough in K. C. with his wife, Marion; after which he reported to the Desert Training Center at Goff. California...Ida Bernat is spending her vacation with her sister at Cherokee, Iowa...Mr. and Mrs. Hubert J. Colombe recently enjoyed a vacation in Oklahoma City...Our sympathies are extended to Norman Lipscomb on the death of his brother...Reba Reed is spending her vacation at home in Navar. Kansas.

Tabulating. Mary Gaynon returned to work after a vacation in Maryland. Virginia. and Washington, D. C...Floyd Hobbs is enjoying his vacation in Missouri...
Norma Jean Talkington is vacationing in New York City and Washington, D. C.

Personnel. Betty Spivey was surprised by the visit of 2 of her schoolmates from Chillicothe, Missouri... We were glad to hear that Lt. and Mrs. Burt Moyer are enjoying the cool Montana climate. Mrs. Moyer expects to live in Atlanta, while Lt. Moyer is stationed in Marietta. Georgia...Tillie Hurray made a hurried trip to Salem, Ohio, to visit a friend who has been with the armed forces in the Hawaiian Islands for the past 2 years ... Mildred Peterson entertained a friend from Washington, Major William McK. Spierer, who was enroute from Camp Carson to Tampa, Florida... Vivian Gustaf son has just returned from Page City, Kansas. where she spent some time helping her father on the farm...Pat Clark is vacationing in Denver, Colorado ... Margaret Gallagher is getting ahead of Ben Russell in "rotation pool," she beat him in the first 2 games. Good work, Margaret, keep it up!...John Francis is on a field trip in St. Paul, Minnesota. Clifford Gaumer, formerly of Personnel Files, and

who is now stationed at Stout Field, Indianapolis, visited his FCA friends last week end.

Land Bank. A bundle of 7 lbs. 6 oz. hereafter known as Karen Gunrie, was born to Gunnie and Don Lazarus on 7/31/43 (and in notifying friends and relatives, Don was so excited he forgot the extra 6 ounces!)...Ethel McIlvaine misses her father who returned to Washington after an extended visit with her... Marie Zandonini expects to return from Washington shortly after the 15th...Jim Davis took time out to visit Washington and to reminisce while strolling along familiar Georgetown streets, during his recent field trip in the East... A sparkling diamond graces the left hand of Dorothy Griffith. The donor is Corporal Cliff Gaumer stationed at Stout Field, Indianapolis...Loren Chase has resumed farming operations on his ranch near Watertown. South Dakota... We think it's a bit confusing watching Max Menk and secretary Louise Shear trotting back and forth between their first-floor office and second-floor office.

Graphic & Duplicating. Our Grapevine reporter is away on vacation, spending 2 weeks with his wife at Rockaway Beach ... Kenneth Smith of Duplicating has received his greetings from the President and is now a member of the Engineers somewhere in Oregon...Willis Vail also received his greetings and is now in the Navy...Composing Unit has a new member, Miss Dorothy Palmer...Graphic hens got together for a delightful picnic and swim at Swope Park in honor of Edna Misterek's birthday whose age will be kept a military secret. A wonderful time was had by all - too much watermelon. She is now vacationing in South Dakota ... Pat Warner is spending her vacation in St. Louis...Sam Weinberg has moved to the country where he swears he has to sleep under a blanket every night. Heat must have gotten him.

Stenographic. Miss Marjorie Nelson, our

well-traveled employee, spent the week end in Quincy, Illinois, with her aunt. Two new employees joined our staff this week. We welcome Helene Simmonds and Alice Eiberger.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Local farmer Ward Fetrow (Associate Chief CR&S) threshed wheat recently with the aid of some of the staff who took a day of annual leave for the occasion. The crew (such as it was) included Gib Randell, Stan Smith, H. H. Hulbert, Ben King, and Hank Bradford. A number of others invited used excuses of Victory Gardens of their own. L. N. Conyers pleaded asthma, athletes foot, and three nights in an upper berth. The crop was bagged, the straw baled, and the men fed - leaving Mrs. Fetrow at the end of the alphabet with ration coupons and W. Fetrow with a net loss of \$1.69. (The casualties for the day included blistered hands, lame backs, sunburn, and sprained wrists. A more wholesome respect for the farmers' problems resulted.)...Jean S. Allen is keeping up her record of contest winning. She just took second prize in a noncommercial patriotic essay contest given by the First Federal Savings and Loan Association. Her award was a \$50 War Bond on the topic "Let us have faith that 'right makes might" - Lincoln... Among our summer vacationists are Anna Louise Wade (getting plenty of tan at Rehoboth Beach), Lillian Lutz, and Mary Epps. Margaret Paake has just returned from Iowa and points east, and Margaret Cook spent her vacation at Atlantic City ...Lieutenant Burt Mover came in the office on July 28 enroute to Montana, looking very fit and tanned ... Lieutenant Bill Kane was in to say "adios" before he leaves for overseas.

ATTENTION WOMEN GOLFERS!
All women golfers interested in participating in a golf tournament please notify Mary Jane McGee, Branch 205, as soon as possible.

(MJM)

SOUR GRAPES

The Snooping Reporter after considerable enticement has joined the editorial staff of the Grapevine and reports... By the underground channel it has been learned that REA will soon evacuate its headquarters in Washington, D. C., and the Staff of the FCA will return to take over its vacated building ... Hold everything! It has been found upon investigation that REA left Washington for St. Louis shortly before FCA - so spike that rumor ... At the most recent "carrot race" Giff Hoag, after spirited bidding against Giff Hoag, finally acquired the coveted vegetables... What group of FCA employees are suspected of underwriting the rent of a certain pin ball machine on Westport Road? ... WANTED housekeeper for summer bachelor. References not required ... Victory gardeners take notice - when your potatoes are ready for harvest, Walt (Divot) Hein may be reached for this service. His irons are getting greater depth each time out ... Which FCA employee recently took over the discus throwing championship? (Only 51 of the pasteboards have been found:)... In the current scrap drive Lt. Kenneth Richmond found 17,000 pounds of scrap metal in 1 day's time. On the same day another Kenneth lost 1 pound but the physical activity required for its loss has caused much anguish...Did you hear the strange noises emanating from a certain point on the first floor last week! Deep research has revealed a much needed noonday nap...What well-known Roanoke Parkway bachelor has beaten a path to an adjacent apartment; ask Kitty Donnelly, Helen McCabe, or Marie Zandonini... Francis Smith, with the help of his experience with girl messengers, very successfully resisted the charms of the pupils in the secretarial classes and evidently enjoyed his visits with them ... A cluster of sweet grapes to that Grapevine poet who is now selling verse to the world's largest printer of greeting

cards...Any genius who has invented brakes for golf balls, hydraulic or otherwise, contact Jack Fowler and he will finance production...The laundry service tie-up has officially hit Kansas City - Paul Lindsey and Lowell Collins were seen on one of the local golf courses sans shirts. (C'est la guerre)...Your Snooping Reporter proposes to visit the popular spots, i.e., barber shops, Bungalow grills, and the public library, and will faithfully report all items of interest. It has been heard these spots will yield amazing returns for the "Sour Grapes" column.

STORY OF THE WEEK

In a Paris cafe, three men-an Italian, a German, and a Frenchman-were talking about the future.

"When the war is over," said the Italian. "I would like to travel around the Mediterranean, which then will be an Italian lake. Just imagine a 3- or 4-month cruise on the Italian lake!"

"When the war is finished," said the German, "I will take a long trip throughout the German possessions in Europe, America, Asia, and Africa, three years of traveling to visit all the places over which the swastika flies."

The Frenchman was more modest, "When the war ends," he said, "I would like to take a tour of the frontiers of the German Reich. A day's bicycle tour will be enough for me!"

The vicar had received a couple of tickets for the opera from one of his parishioners. Finding that he was unable to go, he rang up some friends and said:

"An unfortunate dinner engagement keeps me from attending the opera tonight; could you use the tickets?"

"We should be glad to do so," was the reply, "but we are your unfortunate hosts."



Dere Ma:

Well, Ma. maybe I tole you bee-four this is a fassynatin plais, but Ma. I didn't kno from nothing then. They is plaises where you don't have to be crazy to work but it helps, but we go them wun better hear. You don't have to be buggs because we got buggs anyway.

I was sitting in my offis this morning doing (most of the time I don't do nothing in the afternoon but this time I wasn't doing it in the morning) when wun of the girls comes along and is she fassynatin and she says, "Willy, are you (this is a big word, Ma, but I'll try to figger it out) s-k-w, yeah, shweemish. Willy, she says, are you skweemish? Well, Ma, I never had it put up to me kwite like that bee-four, it being broad electrict light and no door on the offis, but I says, No, I'll say I'm not.

Well, then, she says, will you come in my offis and kill a bug. Ma, such a bug you never did see. It was fassynatin in the most ree-pulseeve manner with wings and legs and as big as Aunt Minnie's thum after she ran it through the wringer. And it was hopping up and down inside the desk.

I seen the sitchuation at a glans, and I reached for the phoan and then I picked it up off the floar and I called and I called and I says, We got bugs and the girl says, We'll send Mr. Simonds over. So he taiks a look at the bug and the bug taiks a look at him and that's the last we see of the bug and it sure was a big wun, too.

So I gess you see what I mean, Ma, but

it sure is fassymatin when all you do is holler Buggs and you get Mr. Simonds.

Your loving son
Willy

THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE BREAKFAST HOUR

There we met as day would break, There it was we came awake Draped along the coffee bar. Munching cookies from the jar, Eating all the sweet-rolls up, Washed down with a steaming cup. But wait! we can imbibe no more. For just about eight-forty-four Like Cinderella, we must flee When business starts officially--And those of you who just came in Must bear your thirst and work begin--And woe unto you, luckless men, Do not frequent that place til ten! Since coffee addicts cannot last Until the hour of ten is past, Alas, this edict only serves To rid us of our "coffee nerves!" (DEW)

OPERATIC MUSIC

Arias from operas by celebrated composers will be featured by the Hour of Recorded Music on Thursday, August 19. You are invited to join the group in an Hour of Recorded Music each Thursday from 12:15 to 1:15 in rcom 2941. (PLR)

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN?

What sensational Club event will occur on August 23.? Ask the nearest Board member. He won't tell. This is something so secret that even the snooping reporter of "Sour Grapes" hasn't heard of it yet. Are you ready for the news? Brace yourself, then, because it is astonishing, amazing, unbelievable, delightful. Get ready and stay ready for the Big News on August 23.



The FCA Men's Golf Play got off to a flying start on August 1, and up to August 11 all teams have played their matches, with the exception of one.

WEEK OF AUGUST 7

In the match between Gray-Burkett and Moore-Smith, the Personnel aggregation came through with ease to down the Indian Hills pair 4 to 2. Moore's 86 captured low gross in this match, which was played on Swope Park Number One. The combination of Warburton and Spelman, shooting consistent golf, upset the Watt-Mills team by gathering in all 6 points. The Bark-Hein pair caught Fowler and Plott, their opponents, having an off day and gathered 4 of the 6 points. A little comedy was exhibited in this match when Fowler's first putt after arriving on the green in 4 went into the sand-trap, resulting in a red face and a big 9 for Jack. Hein and Plott also had 9 and Bark's 8 enabled his team to capture low ball and aggregate. In Division B, Lindsey and Menk shot it out with a bang and gathered all 6 points from the team of Krause and Jacomet. Warren Thompson's 97, coupled with Gray Hume's superb shooting, downed Armacost and Guill 5 points to 1. In the match between Light-Howard vs. Ward-Holmes, the latter two talked their opponents out of 4 points. Freddy Howard had a nice low gross of 82 but not low enough to carry his partner.

WEEK OF AUGUST 14

Watt and Mills journeyed to Indian Hills, the home course of Gray and Burkett, to their regret. Gray, with a combination of slide-rules, micrometers, and peri-

scopes, gathered a nice 77 to carry Burkett and 6 points in this match. Fowler and Plott had a field day at the expense of the Budget Twins, Mason and Dellinger, by having very little difficulty in taking the maximum number of points. Moore and Smith, with 80 and 90, respectively, eked out 4 points over Warburton-Spelman duo. Lindsey and Menk let it be known that the 6 points that they won in the first match was no fluke as they breezed through the Planners, Lockwood and Collins, for 6 more points. Howard and Light bagged all 6 points from Thompson and Hume in a nip-and-tuck battle. 457 strokes were registered by this quartette to complete the course.

TEAM STANDINGS

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Team	Matches Played	Points
Division A		
Gray - Burkett Moore - Smith Warburton - Spel Fowler - Plott Bark - Hein Mason - Dellinge Watt - Mills	2	8 8 8 8 4 0
<u>. D</u>	ivision B	
Lindsey - Menk Light - Howard Thompson - Hume Ward - Holmes Armacost - Guill Krause - Jacomet	1	12 8 5 4 1 0
Lockwood - Colli	ns 1	0

A MOTION PICTURE WILL BE EXHIBITED ON AUGUST 24 (See page 2 of this Grapevine) WHICH SHOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL GOLFERS INSTRUCTIVE DEMONSTRATIONS BY SAM SNEAD, RALPH GULDAHL, GENE SARAZEN, AND JOHNNY REVOLTA; AND OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE WOMEN GOLFERS, HELEN DETWEILER, OPAL HILL, AND HELEN HICKS (WILSON).

THE FIVE-THIRTY BELL

The five-o'clock whistle, in story and song,

Has been written about as the years flowed along,

But it's fallen to me, the story to tell

Of the late innovation, the five-thirty bell.

The five-thirty bell in its infancy rang

For small boys and girls as they whistled and sang

And ran from the little red schoolhouse in glee

(Only back in those days teacher rang it at three!)

Then later in high school and college its sound

Was the signal for all to begin a gay round

Of parties and fun, and with homework we flew

Through the door when that bell rang its signal at two.

Then we grew up - afternoons when work eased

We went in and out just about as we pleased,

But it didn't last long and the consequence fell

On our heads with the ring of the fivethirty bell.

Just picture the scene in each big office room

At five-twenty-nine - just as still as a tomb -

With purses and packages piled high on top,

And ears strained to hear (they could hear a pin drop!)

When all of a sudden - there's no more to tell -

The building explodes with the fivethirty bell!

(DEW)



"Glad they started to ring a quitting bell,---Just found out I've been working a 9-hour day. Now I can take the flash-light off my hoe."

"Now that we're married" said the groom, with a certain air of superiority, "perhaps I'll be permitted to point out a few of your defects."

"It won't be necessary" was the reply of his loving bride. "I know them too well. They kept me from getting a better man than you."

The safecracker chuckled softly as he scooped a big gob of currency into his bag, and said to his pal; "Serves 'em right for not buying War Bonds and stamps with all this dough."